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Eastern Germany

REPORT NO.

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TOPIC

Soviet Clothing Depot at Bernau

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EVALUATION

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DATE OF CONTENT June and July 1952

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18 September 1952

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. &amp; TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. As previously, a total of 170 employees was working at the clothing depot in Bernau in June/July 1952. Production at the depot was normal. Overtime work was done only in the shoemaker's shop. Boots were the main product of this shop. Sunday work was done at this department.
2. A total of 1,860 blouses, 2,300 trousers and 783 shirts was repaired at the depot in June. The repaired items of clothing were shipped to Eberswalde on German trucks driven by German drivers. During the same period, 714 pairs of jackboots were repaired and 280 pairs of boots were discarded. Most of the uniforms manufactured at the installation were delivered to army units. Work for the air force was performed only occasionally. \*
3. Incoming shipments of clothing material and leather about equalled the outgoing shipments of finished items of clothing and footwear and therefore the level of the stocks remained ample. However, stocks of leather belts, leggings, bags, underwear, caps and similar items of equipment were comparatively low. Large quantities of a dark-gray cloth was apparently being shipped to the installation. [redacted] this cloth, which has not been used at the installation before, comes from Chemnitz and is to be used for new uniforms for the German Volkspolizei. However, no orders regarding the material have been issued to date. In early July, 600 to 700 bales of cloth were stored in the tailor shop. \*\*
4. Incoming shipments at the clothing depot included:
  - 10 June. 4 trucks loaded with bales of black and dark-gray cloth from Chemnitz.  
[redacted]
  - 13 June. 1 boxcar with leather.
  - 4 July. 3 trucks loaded with bales of cloth, most of the cloth was the brown color used for Soviet uniforms, but some of it was dark-gray.  
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\* [ ] Comment. A clothing depot where only repair work is done is located in Bernau. The clothing depot of the Fourth has been [ ] is in Eberswalde.

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\*\* [ ] Comment. This is the first information on deliveries of cloth for the Volkspolizei.

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